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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: COMMENTS TO PRESS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AFTER

MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AT SOVIET

MISSION, GENEVA, ON JULY 10, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SUBJECT COMMENTS: QUOTE. WELL, WE HAD VERY EXTENSIVE TALKS, VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONDUCTED IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. WE CONCENTRATED ON THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND MOSTLY ON SALT. WITH RESPECT TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE CONSENSUS THAT HAS DEVELOPED THAT THE LAST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON JULY 30 AS PROPOSED BY CANADA, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO BRING THIS TO AS RAPID A CONCLUSION AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE FINNISH HOSTS TO MAKE THEIR PREPARATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO SALT WE HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED TOMORROW AND PROGRESS WAS MADE. THANK YOU.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM MALTA? SINCE THE MEETING IS STILL ON, THEY ARE STILL WAITING DOWN THERE.

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT

HAS NOT YET JOINED THE CONSENSUS IS MALTA, AND THAT THEY ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THEM EITHER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW MORNING.

QUESTION: DID MR. GROMYKO GIVE YOU ANYTHING RESEMBLING A NEW PROPOSAL ON VERIFICATION THAT WOULD HELP REACH AGREEMENT?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I CANNOT GO INTO THE DETAILS OF A DISCUSSION THAT IS STILL GOING ON, BUT AS I POINTED OUT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

QUESTION: THE MIDDLE EAST?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW. WE HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST. TOMORROW WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS ON SALT AND THEN WE WILL TURN TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WILL MEET HERE AT 10:30. WE HAVE BEEN MEEITING OFF AND ON WITH THE AMBASSADORS TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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